

Biography for Sheryl L. Bishop, PhD
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Dr. Sheryl Bishop, Ph.D. is a Social Psychologist and Associate Professor at the University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, Texas. She currently holds the post of Senior Biostatistician for the School of Nursing. Dr. Bishop was the founding curriculum director for the new Space Life Sciences Ph.D. curriculum in UTMB's Department of Preventive Medicine and Community Health from 2004-2008. Dr. Bishop has served as lecturer, faculty and SSP co-chair for the Space Life Science and Space and Society Departments at the International Space University, Strasbourg, France, since 1996. For the last 25 years, Dr. Bishop has investigated human performance and group dynamics in teams in extreme environments, including deep cavers, mountain climbers, desert survival groups, polar expeditioners, Antarctic winter-over groups and various simulations of isolated, confined environments for space. She routinely presents her research at numerous scientific conferences, has over 60 publications and 50 scholarly presentations in both the medical and psychological fields on topics as diverse as psychometric assessment, research methodology, outcomes research, stress and coping in extreme environments, psychosocial group dynamics and human performance in extreme environments. She has served as a reviewer for research for the Canadian Space Agency as well as the European Space Agency. She is frequently sought out as a content expert by various media and has participated in several television documentaries on space and extreme environments by Discovery Channel, BBC and 60 Minutes. Dr. Bishop is a founding member, Board of Trustee member and Senior Editor for the Journal of the Society of Human Performance in Extreme Environments, Contributing Editor for Life Sciences for Habitation (formerly the Journal of Life Support and Biospheric Sciences) and Review Editor for the Journal of Aviation, Space and Environmental Medicine. She also serves as Advisory Board member for the Astrosociology Research Institute promoting the new field of astrosociology.